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E.O. 11652:

TAGS: SOPN

SUBJECT: ZAIRE-SHABA AT DEPARTMENT NOON BRIEFING, MAY 15,
1978

1. THERE WAS EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION AT NOON BRIEFING OF
SHABA SITUATION WITH FEW IF ANY SURPRISES AMONG QUESTIONS.
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN CARTER FOLLOWED PREPARED GUIDANCE
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CLOSELY, BEGINNING BY STRESSING THAT ON BASIS OF PRELIMINARY
INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE, HE COULD ADD LITTLE TO FACTS
JOURNALISTS ALREADY HAVE. HE STRESSED SEVERAL TIMES
SUBSEQUENTLY THIS INABILITY TO PROVIDE DETAILS
ABOUT SITUATION ON THE GROUND. SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT OUR
IMMEDIATE CONCERN WAS FOR THE SAFETY OF AMERICAN CITIZENS.
WITH REGARD TO OUR POLICY POSITION HE

NOTED THAT HE COULD NOT OFFER A DEFINITE COURSE OF ACTION
SINCE FACTS SIMPLY NOT AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, "WE ARE, AS
WE WERE LAST YEAR, CONCERNED ABOUT THE PRINCIPLE OF
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ZAIRE. WE REMAIN ATTACHED TO
THIS PRINCIPLE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND OPPOSED TO
FOREIGN INTERVENTION."

2. FULL TEXT WILL FOLLOW AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. VANCE

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